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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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Applicant's election with traverse of restriction requirement in Paper No. 8 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that all claims are drawn to a drink supply canister. This is not found persuasive because the additional limitations of a seal and displaceable valve in claim 18 and 22 cause these claims to be separate and distinct from the invention of claim 1.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 12, no antecedent basis exists for body means in line 6. Claims 14, 16, 17 valves are misspelled.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

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Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bennett et al.

Re claims 1 and 12: Bennett et al disclose: a body 12, a gas inlet valve 32, an outlet valve 34.

Re claim 2: valve 32 is read as a tilt valve because of the quick disconnect feature which would allow the valve to be disconnected while being tilted.

Re claim 3: valve 32 is read as a rotatable valve because the valve can be rotated when disconnecting.

Re claims 4 and 5: both valves 32, 34 are threadedly attached and thus are removably attached.

Re claims 6 and 7: the narrow screw-in bases of valves 32, 34 with the oversized top portions cause an umbrella shape.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 12-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hardwick et al in view of Kane et al.

Hardwick et al. disclose an inlet valve 111 and an outlet valve 110 connected to a body 102 in a side-by-side manner. Kane et al. discloses an inlet and an outlet at opposite ends of a canister 1. It would obvious to modify Hardwick to include an end to

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end arrangement of the valves in Hardwick et al because this would save on tubing so as not to require excessive routing of tubing to side-by-side valves.

Regarding, the type of valve used, it is deemed to be a matter of design choice whether an umbrella valve or tilt valve is used. Official Notice is taken regarding the old and obvious use of a grommet.

Claims 1, 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hardwick et al. in view of Novitsky substantially as claimed as set forth above. However, Hardwick et al. fails to disclose a piercable sealing member, but Novitsky does disclose such a member 36. It would be obvious to modify Hardwick et al to include such a piercable member at valve(s) 110 or 116 because this would allow a reduction of parts.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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